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## SHEEP, LAMB AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2014

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 150,000 head, up 7 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 5 percent from last year to 110,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 14 percent to 40,000 head. The number of replacement lambs remained unchanged at 22,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 7 percent from last year to 80,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 8,000 head remained unchanged. Of the 40,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 36,000 head were market lambs. There were 12,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 5,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 13,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 12,000 last year; and 9,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 10,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 45,000 head, was unchanged from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2013 totaled 660,000 pounds, up 20 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 110,000 head, was up 22 percent from 90,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$528,000, and was up 28 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$0.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$0.75 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 15 percent from last year at 23,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 25,000 head on January 1, 2014, unchanged from last year. Milk goats totaled 3,000 head, also unchanged from a year ago. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 100,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 25,000 head was also unchanged from last year. The value of mohair production for 2013 totaled \$135,000 and was down 31 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.35 per pound of mohair compared to \$1.95 last year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 365,000 head, down 16 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 13 percent from last year to 170,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 19 percent to 195,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 27,000 head in 2013 to 23,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 12 percent from last year to 142,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 195,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 193,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 12,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 1,000 head from the previous year; 60,000 weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 24,000 last year; and 118,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 198,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 175,000 head, was unchanged from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2013 totaled 2.1 million pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 310,000 head, was up 2 percent from 305,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$3.99 million, and was down 5 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.90 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.00 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 30,000 head compared with 32,000 on January 1, 2013 and milk goats totaled 9,000 head, down from 12,200 head a year ago.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 220,000 head, down 6 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 5 percent from last year to 200,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 20 percent to 20,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 49,000 head in 2013 to 39,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older remained unchanged at 155,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, remained unchanged. Of the 20,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 19,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 6,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 4,000 weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 11,000 last year; and 7,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 5,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 200,000 head, was down 5 percent from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2013 totaled 1,770,000 pounds, down 20,000 pounds from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 200,000 head, was unchanged from a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$3.9 million and was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Producers received \$2.20 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.10 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 8,000 head compared with 6,700 on January 1, 2013 and milk goats totaled 3,000 head, up from 2,400 head a year ago.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 85,000 head, down 15 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 15 percent from last year to 73,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 14 percent to 12,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased by 5,000 head to 11,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 11 percent from last year to 59,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 3,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 12,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 10,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down

50 percent from a year earlier; 5,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 2,000 head from the previous year; 3,000 weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 4,000 last year; and 1,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 3,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 42,000 head, was down 16 percent from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2013 totaled 590,000 pounds, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 75,000 head, was down 12 percent from 85,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$797,000, and was down 39 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.35 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.00 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory at 9,500 head was down 2,500 head from last year. Meat and other goats accounted for 17,000 head compared with 15,000 on January 1, 2013 while milk goats totaled 2,500 head, down 200 head from a year ago. Mohair production in 2013 totaled 35,000 pounds, down from 45,000 pounds in 2012. The number of angora goats clipped at 8,500 head was down 19 percent from the previous year. The value of mohair production totaled \$56,000 down 52 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.60 per pound of angora sold compared with \$2.60 per pound the previous year.

#### **UTAH**

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 275,000 head, down 7 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 255,000 head while market sheep and lambs remained unchanged at 20,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 41,000 head in 2013 to 37,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 210,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 8,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 20,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 18,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 2,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, also unchanged from the previous year; 7,000 weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 last year; and 8,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 10,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 215,000 head, was down 9 percent from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2013 totaled 2,200,000 pounds, down 12 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 240,000 head, was down 14 percent from 280,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$3.5 million, and was down 12 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.60 per pound of wool sold, unchanged from the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 11,000 head compared with 12,000 on January 1, 2013 and milk goats totaled 2,500 head, down from 2,200 head a year ago.

#### **WYOMING**

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 355,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2013. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 4 percent from last year to 265,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 10 percent to 90,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 42,000 head in 2013 to 38,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent from last year to 220,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 90,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 89,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 2,000 head from a year earlier; 8,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 4,000 head from the previous year; 51,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 45,000 last year; and 27,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 40,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2013. The 2013 lamb crop, at 225,000 head, was down 4 percent from the 2012 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2013 totaled 2,450,000 pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 285,000 head, was down 4 percent from 275,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2013 totaled \$5.2 million, and was down 3 percent from a year earlier. Producers received \$2.13 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.10 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 4,700 head compared with 4,500 on January 1, 2013 and milk goats totaled 2,000 head, up from 1,300 head a year ago.

#### **UNITED STATES**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2014, totaled 5.21 million head, down 2 percent from 2013. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.88 million head on January 1, 2014, down 2 percent from 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.07 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2014, totaled 1.33 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2013. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 11 percent were 65-84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 34 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2013 lamb crop of 3.37 million head, was down 2 percent from 2012. The 2013 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2013 was 27.0 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2012. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.70 million head, also down 1 percent from 2012. The average price paid for wool sold in 2013 was \$1.45 per pound for a total value of 39.2 million dollars, down 6 percent from 41.6 million dollars in 2012. Sheep death loss during 2013 totaled 225 thousand head, a decrease of 2 percent from 2012. Lamb death loss decreased 1 percent from 365 thousand head in 2012 to 360 thousand head in 2013.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2014, totaled 2.76 million head, down 2 percent from 2013. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.26 million head, down 3 percent from 2013. Does one year old and older, at 1.69 million head, were 3 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 500 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2013 totaled 1.74 million head for all goats, down 3 percent from 2012. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.28 million head on January 1, 2014, down 2 percent from 2013. Milk goat inventory was 355 thousand head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2013, while Angora goats were down 4 percent, totaling 131 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2013 was 790 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 141 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.6 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.25 per pound with a value of 3.36 million dollars.